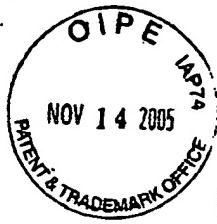


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, the Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response.

The Applicants believe no additional fees are due with the present Amendment and Response. However, if any other extension period or fee is required to have this Amendment and Response entered or considered, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension and authorization to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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